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Devastators Lead All Squadrons By Large Margin

The Devastators boomed far out in front of the pack in the Sports Program standings last week by scoring 57½ points and finishing with a total of 250 points, fifty-five more than the second place Kingfishers.

The Buffaloes and Skyrockets replaced the Vindicators in third place. The Devastators' record for the six-week period ending May 22 shows 11 victories and no losses in track and only one loss in soccer and water polo.

Pride of the Skyrocket wrestling team is 150-pound L. L. Scherrer, F-2, Denver, Colo., who is undefeated in Sports Program competition and has an S rating in the wrestling classroom. Scherrer is a graduate of South High School, Denver, where he was a mat star, and is rated by Lieut. D. E. Smith, head wrestling coach, as a top man in the sport here. The Sports Program standings:

Devastator 250	Mustang 170
Kingfisher 195	Mariner 167½
Buffalo 185	Coronado 160
Skyrocket 185	Wildcat 150
Vindicator 180	Helldiver 127½
Buccaneer 177½	Catalina 72½

New Airfield Soon Will Be Operating

Aerial activity here soon will increase when the roar of TBFs and F4Fs will mark operation of the new Navy airfield. Due to arrive are VC squadrons composed of planes of the TBF, F4F and FM types.

Lieut. J. A. Murphy, commanding officer of the field, has issued invitation to officers and cadets to visit the field and observe the planes. Identification cards are necessary to gain admittance and all hands are asked to stay off the runways and out of the hangers.

The field officially was put into commission Monday with Vice Admiral John W. Greenslade, commandant of the Twelfth Naval District, and Captain Frank R. McCrary, commanding officer of the NAS, Alameda, participating.

Chaplain Hamilton will deliver the invocation tomorrow at the Memorial Day ceremony in Carmel.



NEWEST AND FASTEST NAVY PLANE dealing death and destruction to the Axis is the F4U, America's answer to the challenge of the swift Japanese Zero. One of these ace fighters is shown winging high above the clouds, ready for anything the enemy has to offer.

Cadet Moffit Misses One Plane In Posting 3.99 in N. and R.

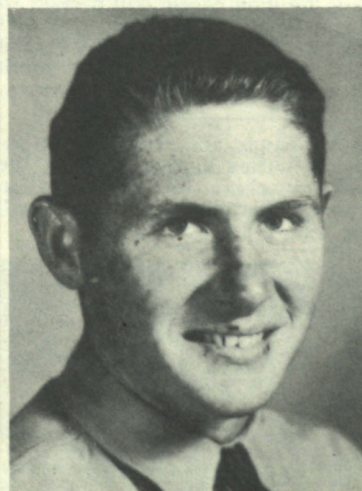
ONE dark day two months ago Lieut. A. S. Keck selected a misty slide of a BD-1 and flashed it on the screen at a twenty-fifth of a second. Among the cadets who saw the flash as a B-26 was L. W. Moffit, E-1, Santa Monica, Calif., and therein lies the story.

That mistake is the only one recorded on Moffit's Nomenclature and Recognition record after viewing more than 1000 slides of Allied and Axis planes and surface craft—an accomplishment termed "phenomenal" by Lieut. Keck.

The true meaning of such a record can only be appreciated by those who have sat tense with pencils poised and a prayer in their hearts as the instructor gave the "Ready! Now!" and flashed a blur on the screen. To the red-haired, freckled-faced Moffit, however, the procedure was simplicity itself and only once, on the BD-1, did he fail to call the flash.

Complete relaxation and an amazing visual memory may be the secret, according to Lieut. Keck. Moffit's medical record reveals his brown eyes test 20/20 but it is possible that they are better than that figure.

Moffit's 3.99 in N. and R. helped boost his academic average to 3.84—the highest recorded by any cadet to be graduated from this school. Two



L. W. Moffit

members of the First and one cadet of the Second had 3.80. Moffit posted a 3.80 in military and a 3.10 in athletics.

Along with his academic mark Moffit leaves his 40-yard free style swimming record of 18.8 seconds.

Harper Leads Third to Four New Records

Led by its commander, Cadet H. D. Harper, members of the graduating Third Battalion set individual grade records in all activities, surpassing the top athletic, academic, military and composite marks established by the First and equalled or bettered by the Second.

Harper of Tucson, Ariz., posted a 3.83 in military for a new mark and the new record in athletics was made by two men—O. C. Bell, Portales, N. M., and W. T. Bellmire, Nubieber, Calif.

Breaking the academic record of 3.80 was L. W. Moffit, Santa Monica, Calif., who chalked up a 3.84 and he was pushed for honors by J. R. Massey, Norwalk, Calif., and F. B. Scheel, Moorhead, Minn., both of whom had 3.83.

Although nosed out by Moffit in academics, Scheel came into his own when the composite grades were handed out and, with R. E. Anglemeyer, Santa Monica, Calif., recorded a 3.77. The old mark of 3.60 was made by the First and equalled by the Second.

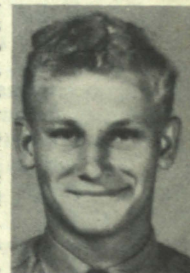
Speakers at today's graduation ceremonies will be Captain George W. Steele, USN (Ret.), commanding officer; Lieut. Comdr. Carl J. Forsberg, regimental commander; and Lieut. M. B. Cox, commander of the Third.

Of the 253 cadets being graduated, 105 go to NAS, Hutchinson, Kas.; 103 to NAS, Norman, Okla., and 45 to NAS, Oakland.

Admiral Greenslade In Short Inspection

Here for a short, unofficial inspection Monday was Vice Admiral John W. Greenslade, commandant of the Twelfth Naval District.

The admiral and his staff participated in the commissioning of the new Navy air field adjacent to the school and also inspected the Naval Section Base, Monterey.



H. D. HARPER
The Third's Top
military man

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THE NAVY PRAYER

NAVY men in constant danger in the combat zones of the various theatres of war appreciate deeply what the Chaplain represents. They know that to be fighting on the right side isn't enough to insure victory and that without His help no war can be won.

Following are inspirational prayers that call upon Him for aid in this the greatest war the world has ever known:

THE NAVY PRAYER

O eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; Vouchsafe to take into Thy almighty and most gracious protection our country's Navy, and all who serve therein. Preserve them from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that they may be a safeguard unto the United States of America, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our land may in peace and quietness serve Thee our God, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE NAVY HYMN

Eternal Father, strong to save;
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep,
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea.

Amen.

THE AVIATION HYMN

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
Thru the great spaces of the sky.
Be with them traversing the air,
In dark'ning storms and sunlight fair—
O hear us when we lift our prayer
For those in peril in the air.

Amen.

Days normally observed by the Navy as holidays will, with the exception of Christmas, be considered as regular work days for the duration of the war.

Divine Services

0900—Fourth, Seventh and Holdover Battalions.
0935—Catholic Service.
0945—Eighth and Fifth Battalions.
1020—Jewish Service.
1030—Third and Sixth Battalions.
1900—Christian Science Service.

Ruetz Resigned Commission To Become Aviation Cadet

TWO months ago at the Navy Pre-Flight School, St. Mary's College, Calif., Ensign J. H. Ruetz was putting aviation cadets through the strenuous physical fitness program designed to make them tough enough for the hard training routine necessary to become a Navy pilot and too tough for the Axis airmen.

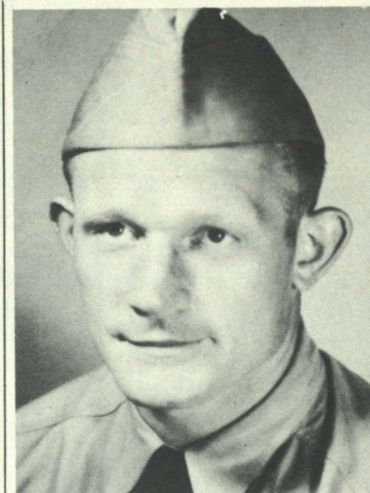
Today Aviation Cadet J. H. Ruetz of the Eighth Battalion is taking orders from other ensigns and going through the same rigorous program and here's why:

A year ago the former All-American guard at Notre Dame attempted to enlist as an aviation cadet and get his poke at the enemy from the pilot's seat of one of the Navy's "hot" planes. He was stalled, however, because the weight limit was 200 pounds and he tipped the scales around the 215 mark. He then accepted an ensign's commission in the physical fitness program and was stationed at the St. Mary's Pre-Flight for eight months.

When the Navy raised the weight limit Ruetz immediately resigned his commission, became a cadet, spent two months in the War Training Service school, Susanville, Calif., and reported here for Pre-Flight training last week.

His three months here will be well spent because "I'm a little soft after spending eight months as an ensign and need to get back in condition."

Ruetz wasn't even "a little soft" when playing guard for Notre Dame, where a guard must be fast enough to beat the backs in leading interference and tough enough to stop everything thrown his way when on the defensive. He was an All-American selection,



J. H. Ruetz

1937, and gained cum laude honors scholastically upon graduation in 1938.

Last season he was selected at guard on the All-Service All-American football team after a brilliant season with the St. Mary's Pre-Flight squad.

Ensign Ruetz was a tough ensign and had the respect of all cadets. Now Cadet Ruetz fast is becoming a tough cadet because, as he says, "You've gotta be to win this war."

FIVE NEW OFFICERS

Five instructors in Navigation reported aboard from the Naval Air Navigation School, Hollywood, Florida, during the past week. Those reporting were: Lieut. T. F. Setterquist, Lieut. (jg) C. H. Secrest, Lieut. (jg) Elliott, Ensign C. H. Sikes, and Ensign M. L. Murrill.

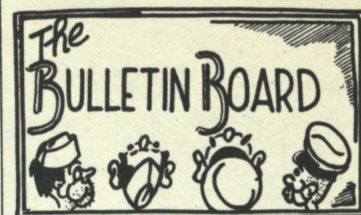
AWARD TO BEATTY

At the Third's graduation today, Captain Steele will present to Lieut. H. F. Beatty the Navy and Marine Corps citation awarded him for rescuing a Salinas youth from the Carmel bay in February.

All hands are requested to replace bottles in the cases by the coke machine in the recreation room, otherwise the machine will be removed.



HELLDIVER SPLASH STARS who share three relay records are, left to right, R. L. Colby, Detroit, Mich.; R. M. Rogers, Los Angeles; W. E. Taylor, Glen Ellen, Calif.; and G. H. Lloyd, Beverly Hills, Calif. This quartet holds the 320-yard free style mark of 3:10.9 and with H. F. Abbott, El Monte, Calif., and D. M. Graves, Apco, O., set the record for the 6-man 240-yard free-style relay of 2 minutes flat. Taylor also is a member of the record-holding 5-man 80-yard life buoy relay team.



TODAY

Ashore
1400—Enlisted Men's Softball League, Polo Field. "Scribblers vs. 'Blister Lips,' 'Patrols' vs. 'Key Men.'"
Movie—"Edge of Darkness," Errol Flynn, Ann Sheridan.
1600—Company Y, Third, Fifth, Seventh.
1915—Fourth, Sixth.
2115—Officers, Ship's Company, Guests.
1915 — Navyator, Yorktown lounge.

Ashore
Carmel Theater—"Silver Queen," and "Tahiti Honey."
State Theater — "Great Gildersleeve" and "Lucky Jordan."

TOMORROW

Aboard
1400—Band concert, southwest terrace.
1500—Movie, "Edge of Darkness" for Company Y, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Officers, Ship's Company, Guests.

Ashore
Carmel Theatre—"Casablanca," State Theatre—"Hello, Frisco, Hello."

THURSDAY

Ashore
Enlisted Men's softball team vs. California Packers, Pacific Grove.

FRIDAY

Aboard
1830—Regimental Singing with orchestra, Mess Hall.
1915—Army Show, "Talk It Up," Bali Room, all Battalions except Eighth.

Entertainment for June

June 4—Regimental singing in Mess Hall 1900 to 1905, Ship's orchestra.
June 4—Army show, "Talk It Up," (tentative) 1915 to 2115 (4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Battalions).
June 5—Movie, 1600, 1915, 2115, Bali Room.
June 6—Fourth Battalion dance in Bali Room, 1430-1730, Ship's orchestra.
June 11—Regimental singing with orchestra, 1830 to 1905.
June 11—"The Fatal Wedding" (tentative) Bali Room 1915-2115.
June 12—Movies.
June 13—Band Concert, southwest terrace, 1400-1500.
June 13—Movie, 1500.
June 18—Regimental singing with orchestra, Mess Hall, 1830-1905.
June 18—"Phoney Follies," Bali Room, 1930-2030.
June 20—Fifth Battalion Entertainment or Dance in Bali Room, Ship's orchestra.
June 21—Regimental singing in Mess Hall with orchestra, 1830 to 1905.
June 21—Moxo Maritime Magician in Bali Room, 1930-2100.
June 26—Movies.
June 27—Band concert, southwest terrace, 1400-1500; movie or informal dance, Ship's orchestra, 1500-1730.

New Training System Proves Successful

Men of the Navy now are being taught to recognize enemy ships and planes in a split second out of the corner of the eye. This new method of training is replacing the former one which taught recognition through memorizing separate features of enemy craft and equipment.

The new system is essentially one of muscular eye training in which men learn to know an object only after a flash view.

Big Improvement Made by Third During Visit Here

The Third failed to break any testing marks and ranks below the First and Second according to the Mass Exercise department's figures but from all indications it was the most improved battalion, physically, of the three.

Lieut. Cox's battalion is the first to graduate with all men above the required standard of 60 for the physical fitness test and is the first group to lose weight during the three months here. While the First and Second gained poundage, the Third lost an average of one pound per man.

Coming closest to the testing records were A. W. Melton, E-3, Compton, Calif., whose time of 27.4 seconds for the speed agility was tops for the battalion but .2 of a second off the record, and Clements Quint, F-2, Denver, Colo., who accomplished 50 push-ups, three under the record.

Quint, with O. C. Bell, E-1, Portales N. M., did 19 chins to lead the battalion in that department. D. J. Sorenson, E-1, Huntington Park, Calif., and A. F. Brown, F-1, Richmond, Calif., were high in the jump-reach test with leaps of 27 inches.

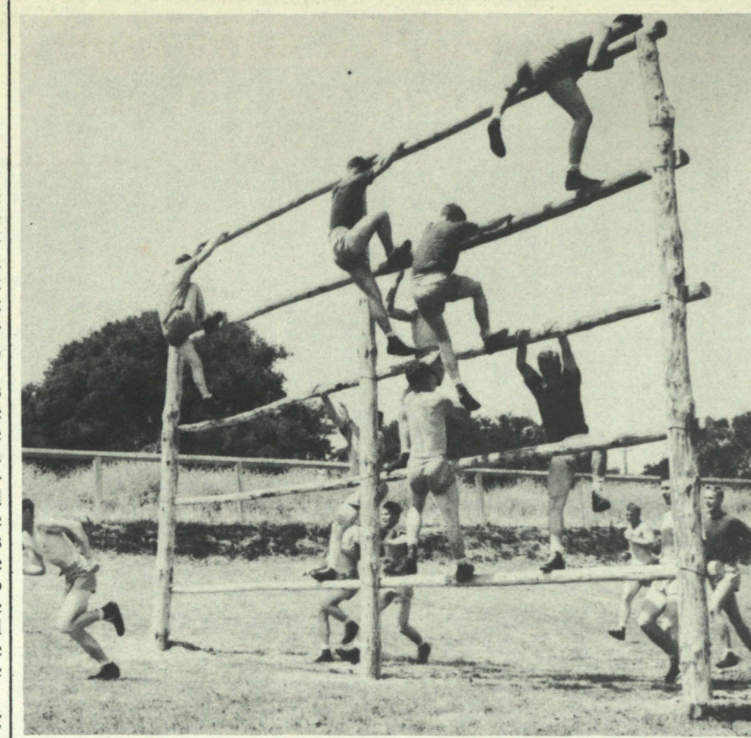
Second man to be graduated from this school with superior marks in all tests is W. T. Bellmire, E-1, Nubieber, Calif., who, with Bell, recorded a 3.90 as the top grade in athletics.

The top physical fitness figure was recorded by C. A. Hertzler, F-1, Fullerton, Calif., whose feat of improving from 77 in his initial test to 105 in his final test is considered quite a feat.

SIX OBSTACLES UP

Six barriers rear their ugly heads this week and more are under construction as the 550-yard obstacle course takes form. There will be 18 different hazards, 30 yards apart, when Lieut. C. R. Walter, head track coach, puts his o.k. on the course.

Male Call



HIGH SPOT ON THE TORTURE TOUR

MARINERS ON TOP

The Mariners' water polo team finished competition at the top of the standings with three victories and no defeats. Tied for second with two victories and one loss were the Helldivers, Bucaneers, Mustangs and Devastators.

Warmerdam Vaults At Berkeley Today

Final track and field meet of the season in this area is scheduled today at Berkeley when the Pacific Coast A.A.U. holds its annual event and again it is Ensign Warmerdam who gets top billing. Last week at the West Coast Relays, Fresno, Warmerdam cleared 15 feet, ½ inch and then missed three tries at 15 feet, 8¾ inches in an attempt to better his outdoor mark of 15 feet, 7¾ inches.

The A.A.U. meet today will be a repeat performance of the West Coast Relays without the appearances of the U.S.C. and UCLA squads. California, sparked by the speedy Hal Davis, won the team championship at Fresno and should do the same today.

by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



McDonald Will Take The Mound Against Fort Ord

The feud with Fort Ord will be resumed tomorrow at the Monterey ball park with Ens. Jim McDonald scheduled for mound duty

for the Navyators and the soldiers again starting their ace hurler, Pfc. Vic Fisher.

Two weeks ago the Navyators beat Fisher, 3 to 2, in a game as tight as the score indicates. He allowed only six hits while his mates got eight off three Pre-Flight pitchers, including McDonald, and had the tying and winning runs on the bags when the game ended.

Cadets of the Third and Fifth will be given special liberty to attend the game that will start at 1400.

Last Sunday Bill Sanchez went the distance in beating the Coast Guard, 8 to 3, at Santa Cruz and thus became the first Navyator hurler to start and finish a game. He kept out of trouble in allowing nine hits and was given good support afield. Corr and Baer connected for home runs in the 12-hit attack on two Coast Guard pitchers.

The victory was the fourth for the Navyators in five starts. Next Sunday is the game all hands have been pointing for—the Airdevils of the St. Mary's Pre-Flight at St. Mary's.

THE EIGHTH CAN SWIM

First honors gained by the newly-arrived Eighth came this week in the swimming tests when 47.4 percent of the 270-man group passed the C test, thus recording the highest initial mark of any battalion to date.

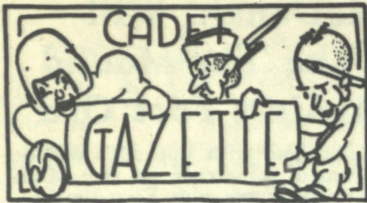
The 52.6 percent on the sub-squad is the lowest of any of the battalions and only 7.4 percent failed the D test.

YOUNG TO MILITARY

Lieut. (jg) Verl J. Young has been transferred from the sports program division in the athletic department to duty in the military department.

This Took Crust





THE Fifth is experiencing difficulty locating a master of ceremonies for its forthcoming show. One cadet said he gladly would have taken the job two months ago but by now all his good jokes have been told by the Chaplain. . . . Joe Unverfurth has been eating vitamin pills in an effort to rid himself of the title as the slowest man in H-3 and recently shocked his platoon to a standstill by requesting double-time on the way back from the polo field.

The regiment of cadets sincerely hopes the mangled meat (called "stew") gets a decent burial upon its return from the mess hall to the galley.

Believe-it-or-not item — One valued member of the Third invaded the Yorktown's halfdeck last week to request that he be placed in the Holdover battalion, "so I can study more code."

Fred Kroeger's newest heart throb in Carmel noticed the sword-belt slit in his coat and, thinking it was a rip, sewed it tightly shut. And Fred still hasn't explained to his H-3 mates what he was doing with his coat off.

A bouquet of safety pins and diapers to G-3's flagmen, Thorp and Lautz, who were seen doing



BIGGEST "CLIP" JOINT here is the barber shop where Ben Franklin and his crew manage to keep busy distributing what are sketchily called "haircuts." Ben won't admit it but the record for the operation is rumored to be 2 minutes, 45 seconds. Members of the Savage Seventh are shown assisting Franklin & Co.

their daily good turns by pushing baby carriages for two ladies on last Saturday's hike. For the first time in Pre-Flight history a battalion double-timed without the order, overtook the men and Bottger and Schermerhorn took over the wheeling duties.

Words-of-one-syllable item: "At the command 'fall out'—fall out!"

Happiest member of G-1 is T. A. Stammer. Because he did very well in track at the beginning of the week, he now gets to enter ALL events in track.

The men of I-2 can't place in drill competition and their manual of arms leaves much to be desired. But to a man (including D. Graves) they double-time back to

the Lexington after a double period of soccer.

In the G Company doghouse is Danny Webster and all because the fast pace he set in last Saturday's hike provided his mates with more than a few sore feet.

Last Sunday the Fourth earned the undying friendship of the Fifth by loaning their caps, thus saving the Fifth the embarrassment of going ashore resembling petty officers.

Lieut. (jg) T. E. Treutlein has a large selection of classical recordings at his home in Carmel and will hold open house from 1500 to 1630 tomorrow, for cadets. Directions for finding his home are as follows: Ocean avenue to

Peruvian Officers to Visit School June 12

Colonel Ergasto Silva, in charge of Peruvian officers' aviation training, and Commander Augusto Correa, in charge of Peru's aviation enlisted training program, are scheduled to visit here June 12, under the auspices of the Pan-American Division of the Navy Department.

The two ranking Peruvian Air officers are on an extensive tour of Naval air centers in this country to make a study of our training programs. They will be accompanied by Lieut. David McMillan of the Office of Naval Intelligence, who will act as Naval representative and interpreter.

BEDTIME STORY

While grading papers of a test given hospital corpsmen, Dr. Lauer discovered the following:

Question: "Describe the phenomena of sleep."

Answer: "It is a blissful escape into the land of make believe (and beautiful women), caused, I read some place, by a reversing of electrical charges in the brain cell structure. This is a good explanation as any to me. When these reverses occur rapidly, insomnia results. The brain cells rest because of the change of charge, but the changes are not long enough to allow the body to lapse into the unconscious state of sleep."

Monte Verde (corner on which Pine Inn is located); turn north on Monte Verde to Palou; down Palou to Casanova street; sign on gate says "Haley."

